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## **Pierce County dentist's license is restricted after failing to monitor patients**

**OLYMPIA** — A Puyallup dentist's license has been permanently restricted and her general anesthesia permit revoked after she didn't properly monitor sedated patients. Charges say her staff, at her direction, also didn't monitor sedated patients properly.

Kristine Grace (DE00008652 and DEAP.GA.10000296) left one patient sedated and unattended while she completed surgery on another patient. While sedated, the patient got up and wandered around the public waiting area of the office. Another patient used his cell phone to tell his mother that he was alone in the treatment room. Grace's post-treatment records about these incidents were inaccurate.

Grace may practice dentistry, but can't administer any sedation or general anesthesia in Washington.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking the link to "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Dental Commission protects public health and safety and promotes the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under its authority.

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